

AMENDMENT

IN THE DISCLOSURE:

- Drawing Descriptions – page 4: the original description of “FIG. 3 and FIG. 3”⁸ has been replaced with “FIG. 3 and FIG. 3A”.
- Drawings – The original FIG. 7 has been deleted and the second FIG. 9 has been relabeled as FIG. 7.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)
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3. (Cancelled)
4. (New) A taping apparatus for spreading an adhesive on one side of a continuous strip of tape and applying the tape to wall board or the like, the taping apparatus comprising:
 - elongated frame means including an enclosed elongated reservoir for adhesive having a tape inlet and a tape outlet arranged at opposite ends of said reservoir;
 - said reservoir having one straight wall and an opposed arcuate wall against which tape is placed prior to filling said reservoir with adhesive, said arcuate wall being arranged to extend continuously between said inlet and said outlet so as to concentrate the adhesive placed in the reservoir and said tape is in continuous contact with the adhesive in the reservoir, whereby the tape passing through the reservoir is completely coated by the adhesive;

- support means for a roll tape mounted on said frame means adjacent to and in alignment with said reservoir whereby tape leaving said roll passes directly into said reservoir;
- manipulating handle means extending outwardly from said support means;
- adjustable gate valve means mounted at said tape outlet arranged to press against said arcuate wall with the tape passing therethrough having its uncoated side against said arcuate wall and to control the amount of adhesive on the opposite side of the tape;
- one way release means adjacent the outlet of said reservoir for passing tape outwardly from said gate valve means to prevent inward movement thereof;
- selectively operable lock means for temporarily locking said tape from travel from said gate valve means;
- cut-off knife means movable to tape cutting position;
- operating means adjacent said reservoir interconnecting said releasable lock means and said cut-off knife and arranged to initially actuate said selectively operable lock means and thereafter actuate said cut-off knife means;
- a pair of independent, freely rotatable tape applicator wheels mounted on the end of said frame means spaced from and independent of said cut-off knife means positioned to pass the adhesive coated side of tape to a wall and press the coated tape against the wall; and
- an arm extending from a hub operatively connected therebetween said pair of rotatable tape applicator wheels whereby an interchangeable creaser wheel or an interchangeable scraper for removing excessive adhesive is demountably fastened thereon.

5. (New) The taping apparatus of claim 4, wherein said interchangeable scraper is fastened to said arm through a lever-like mechanism.